

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1354**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to the extension of certain restraining orders without notice to defendants..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 3 of chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, in line 15 after the word “abuse” the following words:—  
3 provided, however, that if the defendant has been convicted of violating the plaintiff’s restraining  
4 order, the court may extend such restraining order as of right without requiring notice to the  
5 defendant or the appearance of the plaintiff in court.